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11. (SBU) Post delivered reftel demarche via diplomatic note on October 19. The Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs replied via diplomatic note on October 29 and stated that the Royal Thai Government (RTG) supports the re-election of the United States to the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) Council as a Category "A" member. The diplomatic note indicates that the RTG respects the United States' policy of not revealing its own intentions for the vote but "strongly hopes" that the U.S. will support the candidacy of Thailand in Category "C" in the same election.

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